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Welcome to the May 2012 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter.
The months continue to roll by at an incredible pace. Once again, I'm behind schedule getting this Newsletter completed and distributed. I thank you all for your patience.
I'd like to extend my best wishes for a Happy Mothers Day to all our subscribers who are mothers; and to all of our subscribers who are spending Mothers Day celebrating the event with their mothers.

I continue to receive very, very little input into the Newsletter which, in turn, makes the editing process much longer. I really do encourage you to consider sending along a website or two that you feel might be of interest to our readers. It would make my job that much easier.

I have already attended 3 amateur fleamarkets this spring, with two more coming up this month. I have had the opportunity to meet several of our subscribers at these events. If you are attending a fleamarket that Radio HF is attending, please stop by and introduce yourself.

2012 BAILLIE BIRDATHON

Our 2012 Baillie Birdathon event is coming up shortly. We must conduct the Birdathon in the month of May. This will be the last you hear of the event from me for this year. I thank those of you who have contributed already. I have to say that this has been our most challenging year for rounding up pledges. We are way, way behind the pace we have set in the 9 previous years of participating in this fundraising event. Therefore I'm putting out one final call to you to please consider helping us out in whatever way you can. This Newsletter comes to all subscribers, free of charge, now in its 14th year. I ask each of you to consider putting a value on this publication and to consider contributing that amount, however large or small, to our cause.
If you can help out, with any amount, you can send in your cheque, payable to Bird Studies Canada, to my Radio HF address, at Box 67063-Lemoyne, St. Lambert, Quebec J4R 2T8 Canada, or you can make a donation by PayPal to my ve2shw@... account. The third option, and perhaps the quickest and easiest, is to go directly to our Baillie Birdathon webpage and record your pledge by credit card right on our page. You'll see how we are doing, plus see a picture of me and my wife Darlene. We thank you in advance for your support. Here is the link:
http://www.gifttool.com/athon/MyFundraisingPage?ID=1914&AID=1845&PID=263459
You can learn more about the 2012 Baillie Birdathon at
http://www.bsc-eoc.org/support/birdathon/index.jsp?lang=EN

Our Monthly Special Zone for May features information on World Telecommunications and Information Society Day, Armed Forces Day, the International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers, and an odd event, Bats Day.

This month's virtual voyage around the world, in the "Where in the World Zone", takes us to an island nation off the south-eastern tip of India, Sri Lanka. Officially the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, it is a country off the southern coast of the Indian

subcontinent in South Asia. Known until 1972 as Ceylon, Sri Lanka is an island surrounded by the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Mannar, the Palk Strait, and lies in the vicinity of India and the Maldives.

Now on to this month's web sites. I hope you find them interesting, entertaining and useful.

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None this month

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

We have a nice list of 8 contributors this month. Thank you for your input. Please consider sending along an interesting link, or two, to share with your fellow subscribers.

Yimber Gaviria, Cali, Colombia
David Goren, Brooklyn, New York
Steven Handler, Buffalo Grove, Illinois
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest, Enid, Oklahoma
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Kevin Redding, Gilbert, Arizona
Doug Smith, Pleasant View, Tennessee

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY

http://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/Pages/default.aspx

The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide. 17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union.

ARMED FORCES DAY

http://www.defense.gov/afd/

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed

Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.
The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/pkday.shtml

29 May is the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. The day has two purposes: to honour the memory of the UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives in the cause of peace; and to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in UN Peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication and courage.

BATS DAY

http://www.batsday.net

Bats Day in the Fun Park, which started in August 1999 between the promoters of the goth/industrial & deathrock clubs, Absynthe and Release the Bats, has turned into a 3-day weekend event near Disneyland, Ca."It was once told to me, what started out as a small group of goofy, creepy death rockers going to Disneyland, has grown into its own institution and is just crazy and amazing. At the first official Bats Day, there were only about 80 people. At the second Bats Day, there were just over 200 people. The best thing is that everyone who goes to Bats Day can just leave all their cares and worries at the gate, and just have a fun time. May Bats Day in the Fun Park be around every year."
--Taken from the Bats Day in the Fun Park 2001 CD

THE MAY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of May.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/May

Also, here are some special days and events in May.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
Heal the Children Month
National Barbecue Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

6 12 National Anxiety and Depression Awareness Week
6 12 National Pet Week
7 11 Teacher Appreciation Week
14 15 World Migratory Bird Day
13 19 National Police Week

SPECIAL DAYS

8 World Red Cross Day
8 National Teacher Day
13 Mother's Day
15 United Nations: International Day of Families
17 United Nations: World Telecommunications and Information Society Day
19 Armed Forces Day
22 United Nations: International Day for Biological Diversity
29 United Nations: International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

18 20 Bats Day
3 Respect for Chickens Day
6 World Laughter
18 NASCAR Day

Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2012
2012 National Health Observances, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
2012 Calendar of Events, California Department of Education
2012 USDA Health Observances & Holidays
2012 United Nations Observances
2012 Bizarre, Crazy, Silly Unknown Holidays and Observances
VIA http://ucanr.org/sites/Spanish/Calendario/May_2011/

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #1

DUAL-BAND PORTABLE FROM KENWOOD

Kenwood TH-D72A 144 MHz (2 Meter) / 440 MHz (70 cm) Handheld Transceiver

Featuring the SiRFstar III high-performance GPS receiver, Kenwood's TH-D72A dual-band transceiver is compatible with APRS® data communications. Offering position and weather information, the TH-D72A opens up broad new vistas of outdoor enjoyment, especially for activities like trekking. Also the built-in TNC (Terminal Node Controller) is compatible with the AX.25 protocol, providing full access to APRS® functions without requiring a computer. EchoLink® a system that uses VoIP (voice over the Internet) to relay Amateur Radio communications is equally accessible. In addition, a USB (Mini-B) port is provided so the transceiver can be connected to a PC with the supplied cable, and thanks to a menu key and arrow keys, selecting the different functions is intuitively easy. All keys are backlit to facilitate use in the dark, and the full dot matrix LCD screen ensures the icons and text messages are clearly visible. The TH-D72A/E comes with a rechargeable 1,800mAh lithium-ion battery. A single charge will power the transceiver for approximately 6 hours of continuous use with TX output set to the 5-watt maximum. Output can be set to HI (5W), Low (0.5W), or EL (0.05W).
Full details, including a downloadable manual, are available at:

http://www.kenwood.ca/Communications/Amateur_Radio/Portables/TH-D72A

Kenwood products are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for pricing and availability.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE
THIS MONTH SRI LANKA

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK SRI LANKA

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ce.html

WIKIPEDIA SRI LANKA

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka

GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA OFFICIAL WEB PORTAL

http://www.gov.lk/gov/index.php?option=com_cat&Itemid=63&lang=en

SRI LANKA TOURISM

http://srilankatourism.org/

This is a Sri Lankan tourism and travel guide

RADIO STATION WORLD SRI LANKA

http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Sri_Lanka/

This is a listing of broadcasting organizations and radio stations in Sri Lanka

SRI LANKAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

http://www.slbc.lk/

The official government broadcaster of Sri Lanka

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS SRI LANKA

http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/srilanka.htm

This is a listing of newspapers in Sri Lanka

THE RADIO ZONE

2012 DAYTON HAMVENTION

http://hamvention.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Since 1952 Hamvention® has been sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA). For many years it has been the world's largest amateur radio gathering, attracting hams from throughout the globe. May 18 through May 20 are the dates for this year's event.

DEVELOPING RADIO PARTNERS

http://developingradio.org/index.html

VIA David Goren, Brooklyn, New York

Developing Radio Partners envisions enduring media services that enrich individuals' lives, giving them voice to be active, involved citizens and ultimately transform their communities. We focus particularly where the need for information is greatest, and where radio can have the greatest impact, often in rural areas, in countries with legacies of poverty and political repression. We believe that building a healthy media sector increases the economic and civic well-being of people and contributes to creating a healthy nation.

RADIO SOURCE

http://radiosource.net/about.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

RadioSource.NET is your internet source for research-oriented consumer news. The first network of its kind, RadioSource.NET enables broadcast stations and the general public to use a searchable database to access audio programming provided by university news departments from

around the country.

SHORTWAVEREPORT.COM

http://shortwavereport.com/

VIA Steven Handler, Buffalo Grove, Illinois & Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

Welcome to my website. It is a work in progress. In late April 2012 I started building this site and I will be adding more content as soon as possible. The menu bar above will take you to the different sections within my site. Please feel free to explore.
For those interested in spy and numbers stations I have posted a humorous article which I hope you enjoy. If you like QSLing shortwave broadcast stations, my SWBC QSLs section provides the details of QSLs I have received in the last 18 months including the station contact information, QSL details and more.
Also during 2012 two new books I have written have been published. Just The Fax, A Shortwave Radio Listener's Guide to Weather Facsimile Reception and Utility Dxer's QSL Address Handbook. Details about both of these books can be obtained by clicking on their name listed on the menu bar.

BRITISH DX CLUB AFRICA ON SHORTWAVE

http://homepage.ntlworld.com/bdxcuk/africa.pdf

VIA Yimber Gaviria, Cali, Colombia via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

A comprehensive country-by-country guide to domestic and external broadcasts from Africa, including selected opposition and target broadcasts to the African continent. The document is in pdf format, updated April 2012.

W9WI FM & TV LISTINGS

http://www.w9wi.com/web/

VIA Doug Smith, Pleasant View, Tennessee via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

There's been a major upgrade in this database. It makes it a LOT easier to keep the programming info updated. Mostly what you'll see is the ability to deal with minor virtual channels greater than 6, and with LPTV stations whose analog and .1 digital channels don't simulcast. Still need another minor change to handle the situation where one transmitter uses more than one major virtual channel...
The BIG change, though, are the Google Maps. You can opt to pull up FM or TV data on Google maps. For each service, you can either call up all stations licensed to a given state, or all stations on a given frequency. Each station gets a blue marker; click on the marker for all the same information you see in the traditional w9wi.com listings -- call letters, city, programming streams, power, antenna height. And, you have all the features of Google Maps -- the ability to zoom in & see the terrain around the transmitter, the roads surrounding it.

I.A.R.U. RADAR SYSTEMS ON SHORTWAVE

http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/radar-2012.pdf

(CGC Communicator April 23 via Kevin Redding, Gilbert, Arizona, ABDX via DXLD)

Wolfgang Hadel, DK2OM, has made available a report documenting High Frequency Over the Horizon Radar Systems used around the world. Included are Ionosphere and Troposphere Diagnostic Radars as well as Ocean Wave and Coastal Radars. All of these radiating devices can interfere with amateur radio and shortwave listening.
Also included are explanations of how some of these systems work.
There are photographs, maps and other technical details. The 36 page
(9.5 MB) report is free. (Tip from Amateur Radio Newsline.)

RADIO H.F. BOOK REVIEW ZONE

EDITOR: T. J. "Skip" Arey

Emergency Power for Radio Communications
By Michael Bryce WB8VGE - Second Edition
Order Number 6153 - (ISBN: 0-87259-615-3)
Price: $24.95 Canadian or U.S.
Published by The American Radio Relay League

I reviewed the original edition of this book for The Messenger some time past. Since the publication of that first edition, interest in, and some would say need for, emergency power has grown dramatically. Alternative power systems are now marketed in our local home improvement stores as well as across the Internet.

As hams, we have a unique desire to keep our radios running when the power goes out, if for no other reason but the fact that the most interesting signals might occur under just such conditions. We don't just need a power source, but we need a power source that will not interfere with the performance of our radios and our accessories.

Mike Bryce has been championing alternative power for radio hobbyists for over 30 years. Few people have found as many ways to extract electricity from various personally maintained sources as Mike. This second edition of his book extends and expands the study of emergency power to include the latest tools and techniques.

The book begins with and overview of basic ideas about how folks make use of alternative power systems and then goes on to discuss the most basic emergency power system, emergency lighting. After all, if the power goes out, the first thing you will need is the ability to see your way safely. Recent developments in battery power and LED lighting are covered in detail.

The book then goes on to cover the popular topic of Solar Power. Unlike some "pie in the sky" treatises on the subject, Mike honestly delves into the issues of real world efficiency and practical matter related to bringing a solar power system on line. He devotes and entire section to Charge Controllers as this area of solar electric systems is most important but often least understood.

Mike goes on to cover the subject of generators, but not simply the fossil fuel powered units you are likely to find in any home improvement store. He also goes into how wind and water systems can be used for creating practical electrical power.

Next comes the important study of Load Sizing, the considerations necessary to assure you have enough power to get the job done. This is followed by an extensive study of batteries and battery technology. With a sufficient understanding of these two areas, any radio hobbyist can be sure to keep things running through any crises.

With all of the above subjects covered, Mike now takes the reader into the nuts and bolts study of building a personal power system. Additional sections cover the use of power inverters and how to monitor your power system with various instruments.

Since the book covers generating electrical power and the likelihood that you will be doing so under crises conditions, Mike includes sections on safety and emergency practices. To be honest, I think this book is worth the cover price just for the information shared in these two chapters, regardless of if you choose to build a power system or not!

The book includes several appendices including a reprint of the QST article discussion Jim Talen's N3JT's solar/generator/battery system for keeping his radios and much of his house running when the power grid fails.

I'll say the same thing about this edition of Emergency Power for Radio Communications that I said of the previous edition. Get this book before you need this book!

THE GENERAL ZONE

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EARTH

http://www.eoearth.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Encyclopedia of Earth (EoE) is an electronic reference about the Earth, its natural environments, and their interaction with society. The EoE is a free, expert-reviewed collection of content contributed by scholars, professionals, educators, practitioners and other experts who collaborate and review each other's work. The content is presented in a style intended to be useful to students, educators, scholars, professionals, as well as to the general public.

WORLD NEWS

http://wn.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The World News (WN) Network was founded in 1995 and launched online in 1998, with the primary objective of being the most comprehensive, one-stop news resource on the Internet. Today, World News has over 130 million pages indexed covering Film, Sport, Entertainment, Science, Business, Health and every City on earth.
A global leader in online news, World News Network presents news from more than 1000 reputable sources including mainstream providers (BBC, CNN, Reuters, Washington Post, etc) to more regional and localized sources (The Independent, The New York Times), delivering unparalleled coverage on a vast range of subjects. This empowers our users by providing a wide variety of perspectives and different interpretations on breaking news events.

CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

http://www.cbd.int/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Signed by 150 government leaders at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, the Convention on Biological Diversity is dedicated to promoting sustainable development. The Fourth meeting of the ad hoc working group on the review of Implementation of the convention is being held in Montreal beginning on May 7, 2012.

ROOTS WORLD

http://www.rootsworld.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

RootsWorld is a world music magazine started in 1993, pretty much at the dawn of the term "world music" as well as the pre-dawn of internet publishing (I suspect this was the first music magazine of any sort published on the www). Our focus is the music of the world: Africa, Asia, Europe, Pacifica and The Americas, the roots of the global musical milieu that has come to be known as world music, be it traditional folk music, jazz, rock or some hybrid. How is that defined? I don't know and don't particularly care at this point: it's music from someplace you aren't, music with roots, music of the world and for the world.

FLIGHT AWARE

http://flightaware.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Founded in 2005, FlightAware was the first company to offer free flight tracking services for both private and commercial air traffic in the United States and quickly rose to become the

most popular flight tracking service in the country. FlightAware currently provides private aviation flight tracking in over forty countries as well as global solutions for aircraft with satellite uplinks. FlightAware continues to lead the industry in free, worldwide airline flight tracking and airport status.

THE SAGE COMPUTER SYSTEM (SEMI-AUTOMATIC GROUND ENVIRONMENT)

http://www.computermuseum.li/Testpage/IBM-SAGE-computer.htm

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

At 250 tons and 60,000 vacuum tubes, the SAGE system was the largest, heaviest and most expensive computer system ever built!

GRAND CANYONS OF THE EARTH

http://www.canyonsworldwide.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Explore some of the most amazing canyons on the planet. In addition there are numerous links to other webpages about specific canyons of the world.

CRISIS TIMES

http://crisistimes.com/index.php

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Crisis times are here, are you prepared? Here you will be able to find a survival guide which includes resources and useful information about survival and emergency situations, such as surviving the wilderness, the desert, living off the grid, how to survive at sea, and many more, just check the articles below and chances you will find something that might interest you.

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #3

What is new in books & publications from the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Society of Great Britain, and other publishers?

ARRL's Low Power Communication 4th Edition
By Richard Arland, K7SZ

ARRL's Low Power Communication is your guidebook to the fascinating world of low power QRP operating. With only 5 W or lesssometimes much lessyou can enjoy conversations over hundreds and even thousands of miles.

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Antennas for QRP Updated and Expanded!
Wire beams, loops, dipoles, portable antennas and a look at the author's new stealth antenna design.
Operating Strategies
Contesting, awards and advanced techniques for becoming a successful QRP operator.
Emergency Communication
Training, planning and other factors for utilizing low-power gear during an emergency.
HF Propagation for the QPRer
NEW! An authoritative look at likely propagation conditions for Solar Cycle 24.

Plus, QRP calling frequencies, manufacturersand much more!
Publisher: The American Radio Relay League, Inc.
ISBN: 978-0-87259-582-8 - Order No.: 5828
Price: $24.95 Canadian or U.S.

Successful Wire Antennas
Edited by Ian Poole, G3YWX and Steve Telenius-Lowe, 9M6DXX/ KH0UN
Successful Wire Antennas is part of the widely popular family of Practical Wire Antenna books published by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). Packed with the very latest wire antenna designs and developments from around the world, this book is a must-have for wire enthusiasts of all levels, from expert to beginner. It's full of clear diagrams, easy-to-read text, and free from any difficult mathematics.
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Verticals
Loops
End-fed wires
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Antenna Masts and Rigging
and more!
Softcover: 240 pages
Publisher: Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB); (2011)
ISBN: 9781-9050-8677-1 Order Number: 0363
Price: $24.95 Canadian or U.S.

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NOTE: The Spiral Bound Desktop Edition is also available
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Track GPSSupport real time GPS tracking for display of current position, route and Maidenhead grid square on map (requires GPS device).
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http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm for a complete catalog of all books, publications and CD-Roms available from the ARRL, RSGB and other popular publishers and authors.

THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

GATHER

http://www.gather.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Gather is the place where millions of people come for a fresh perspective on what's happening now. Gather members can share their own views and join in conversations with others who share their interests.
Gather works with hundreds of freelance writers who start thousands of conversations here each month. For more information about becoming a freelance writer, please visit skyword.com.

LISTPHOBIA

http://listphobia.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Find top 10 lists on all sorts of interesting and sometimes odd topics, such as 10 Weird University Courses, Top 10 suicide spots, 10 most fascinating birds, and hundreds more to browse through.

SOMETHING AWFUL

http://www.somethingawful.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

There is always something new on this site andit's usually something awful! Viewers beware because there may be some things show up here that are surprising, shocking and maybe even distasteful, so tread carefully! You'll find blogs, news items, photos, and lots more.

THE 2012 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. This list is compiled by Radio Amateurs of Canada, and other sources.

Saturday, May 12, 2012
Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club's 28th Smiths Falls Flea Market
Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club inc.
Location: Smiths Falls Curling and Squash Club (this is a new location)
Old Sly's Road, Smiths Falls, ON

Time: Public: 9:00 am; Vendors: 7:00 am
Admission; $5.00 (includes a door prize ticket)
Tables: $10.00 (includes one admission.
Talk-in: VE3RLR on 147.21 MHz+
Email: ve3rlr@...
Webpage: http://ve3rlr.dynds.org
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Sunday, May 20, 2012
30th Anniversary "Hamfest du Quebec
Club Radioamateur Sorel-Tracy Inc.
Location: Colisée Cardin, 200 rue Victoria, Sorel-Tracy QC, J3P 7K1
Time: Vendors 6 am: Public 9 am
Admission: $5.00
Info and Reservations: Tel: Luc VE2DWE (450) 743-8676
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Webpage: http://www.hamfest.qc.ca/Hamfest/Accueil.html
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, June 2, 2012
Third Biennual Swap Meet
Arrowsmith Amateur Radio Club
Location: Alberni Valley Rescue Hall, 4790 Tebo Avenue, Port Alberni British Columbia
Time: Setup 10:00 a.m.; Buyers 11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.
Cost: Tables: $5.00 a table; Sellers Helpers: $5.00 each
Buyers entry fee: $3.00
Talk-in frequency: 147.240 Mhz + 600 Tone 141.3
Email: Bob at ve7mtv@...
Webpage: http://arrowsmitharc.ca/

Sunday, June 3, 2012
Central Ontario Hamfest & Fleamarket
Guelph ARC & Kitchener-Waterloo ARC
Location: Waterloo Regional Police Association Recreation Centre
R.R. 2, 1128 Rife Rd. North Dumfries Township, Cambridge, Ontario
Location: 43.344939, -80.418376
Time:Vendors 7 am, Public 9 am
Cost: General Admission $7 (under 12 free)
Talk-in: VE3KSR 146.970 (-) tone 131.8 and 146.520 when you're nearby
Email: info@...
Webpage: http://www.hamfest.on.ca

Saturday, June, 9, 2012
London Vintage Radio Club Flea Market
Location: Hammond Manufacturing, 394 Edinburgh Rd. North, Guelph, Ontario
Time: 7AM for public and vendors alike.
Cost: $10.00 for vendors, no charge to public
Talk-in frequency: n/a
Email: larry.asp@...
Webpage: http://lvrc.homestead.com/fleamarket.html

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #4

RADIO HF GIFT CERTIFICATES

Gift certificates are a great idea if you're not sure what that special person is looking for. Radio HF is offering gift certificates available in any denomination. Please contact Radio HF for details.

RADIO H.F. NATURE BOOKS DIVISION

The Radio H.F. Nature Division offers hundreds of specialty books in the fields of birding, animals, plants, etc. A complete listing of the titles is available on the new Radio H.F. web page at http://www.radiohf.ca. Simply click on the Canada goose!

THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962 and celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012. Our monthly electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby as well as amateur radio coverage.
SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@..., with a valid return e-mail address and you'll receive your copy. Our May 2012 edition is now available. Membership, at the low cost of $10 per year, is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.
Please visit the CIDX web page at http://www.cidx.ca

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated frequently by webmasters Daniel Sampson and by database administrator Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, Dbase and Excel. You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, celebrating its 24th anniversary on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal later this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice Laws and Sheldon Harvey, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting.

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.

http://www.ckut.ca

You can check us out on Facebook as well at https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/

You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

RCI's schedules for the Summer 2012 broadcast season (25 March to 27 October 2012) have been posted on the "Schedules and Frequencies" page of the RCI website at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/

You will find our shortwave broadcast schedules, and also the schedules for 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), plus access to RCI programming through the Worldwide Web. Stay in touch with Canada via Radio Canada

International.

That is all for this month. Radio H.F. is a mail order, telephone and on line business, with great products, great prices, and personalized service, serving the radio community since 1995. Be sure to visit the Radio H.F. web site at

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Best wishes and 73 from

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